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OPA Daily Digest for 11/18/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (Mo.) 10/29/13. Recommendation for an EPA position. Due: 11/13/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Scrapps - Lawan Hamilton/Mark Greenblatt – 11/8/13 – Inquiry regarding the status of the Doe Run consent agreement. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

Associated Press – Jim Salter – 11/8/13 – Inquiry regarding the shutdown of the Doe Run lead smelter in Herculaneum, Mo. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra – 11/18/13 – Questions about engineering survey work at West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Muscatine Journal - Public Notice Iowa Department of Natural Resources for PM2.5 plan - 11/15/13 - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is requesting public comment on a second draft of the State of Iowa's state implementation plan (SIP) for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in Muscatine, Iowa.

http://muscatinejournal.com/lifestyles/announcements/legals/public-notice-iowa-department-of-natural-resources/article_287fd6b2-4ca2-11e3-bdfa-0019bb2963f4.html

Columbia Tribune (Mo.) - Boone County streams, lakes land on list of impaired waters | Most are cited for high E. coli levels. - 11/17/13 - A dozen Boone County streams and lakes are among the hundreds of Missouri bodies of water that do not meet water quality standards of the Federal Clean Water Act.

http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/local/boone-county-streams-lakes-land-on-list-of-impaired-waters/article_011f8b2a-4f4b-11e3-a3b5-10604b9f6eda.html

Joplin Globe (Mo.) - Public comment sought on watershed plan to improve Spring River - 11/16/13 - Area residents — particularly landowners along Spring River and its tributaries — will be asked to weigh in this week on ways to improve water quality in the Spring River basin. <http://www.joplinglobe.com/local/x1267061539/Public-comment-sought-on-watershed-plan-to-improve-Spring-River>

Kirksville Daily Express (Mo.) - Sullivan Co. water project finally gets funds - 11/16/13 - A long-term water reservoir development project in northeast Missouri received the promise of a portion of its original funding and assurances from Gov. Jay Nixon Friday that the state would help make the 2,200-acre lake come to fruition in Sullivan County. <http://www.kirksvilledailyexpress.com/article/20131116/NEWS/131119179>

Des Moines Register - EPA's ethanol proposal slammed - 11/16/13 - Political and ethanol industry leaders slammed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposal Friday to scale back how much ethanol must be blended into gasoline, saying it would hurt the state's economy, its farmers and rural communities. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131116/NEWS/311160043/>

Cedar Valley Business Online (Iowa) - Ethanol supporters say the numbers support their industry - 11/18/13 - Proponents of ethanol have a four-letter response for critics of biofuel: "Bunk." Monte Shaw, executive director of the Des Moines-based Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, is among a number of vocal ethanol defenders leading the counter-charge. http://wcfcourier.com/business/local/ethanol-supporters-say-the-numbers-support-their-industry/article_d1e4eb1e-5557-5b89-a716-4918025b5417.html

The Daily Iowegian (Centerville, Iowa) - Rathbun Lake watershed receives grant - 11/18/13 - The Watershed Improvement Review Board recently approved 10 applications totaling \$2,307,554 in grants to support projects that will improve water quality or reduce flooding in the state. <http://www.dailyiowegian.com/local/x537113042/Rathbun-Lake-watershed-receives-grant#sthash.h4RQQxZ7.dpuf>

The Gazette (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) - Innovative Coralville watershed project among 10 to get funding - 11/16/13 - Ten Iowa watersheds, including five in Eastern Iowa, have received more than \$2.3 million in grants to support projects that will improve water quality and/or reduce flooding. <http://thegazette.com/2013/11/16/innovative-coralville-watershed-project-among-10-to-get-funding/#sthash.cTJkOOSJ.dpuf>

Fox News - House Republicans pressure EPA to drop coal-plant carbon rules - 11/16/13 - Republican leaders on the House Energy and Commerce Committee are calling on the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw its proposal to impose carbon dioxide limits on power plants. <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/11/16/house-republicans-pressure-epa-to-drop-coal-plant-carbon-rules/>

Green Autoblog - EPA eases off ethanol, a bit, for first time ever - 11/16/13 - Forget raising the national ethanol blend in standard gasoline to 15 percent (E15), the Environmental Protection Agency has, for the first time ever, proposed reducing the ethanol requirement in the American gas supply. <http://green.autoblog.com/2013/11/17/epa-eases-off-ethanol-a-bit-for-first-time-ever/>

Hoosier Ag Today - EPA Proposal Sparks Outrage by Farm and Energy Groups - 11/17/13 - The long-anticipated EPA ruling on RFS mandates for 2014 was released on Friday, and industry reaction to a cut in the RFS mandate to 13 billion gallons was quick and unanimous. <http://www.hoosieragtoday.com/epa-proposal-sparks-outrage-by-farm-and-energy-groups/>

PBS NewsHour - EPA weighs environmental consequences of ethanol with proposed cuts (video) - 11/15/13 - The EPA announced that better fuel efficiency has led to proposed cuts in the amount of ethanol required to be blended into gasoline next year. These changes come amid revelations over the environmental impact of increased U.S. corn production. http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/environment/july-dec13/ethanol_11-15.html

National Journal - The Environmental Promise Obama Completely Abandoned - 11/17/13 - Five years ago, the administration vowed to regulate coal ash, a toxic power-plant byproduct. Green groups are still waiting. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/the-environmental-promise-obama-completely-abandoned-20131117>

Washington Post - Opinion: Ethanol takes policy blow from the Environmental Protection Agency - 11/18/13 - Indeed, the only flaw we can see in the EPA's announcement is that it doesn't go far enough. Partly, this is because the agency only has authority to waive the current legal requirement for a year; partly it's because "biofuels are a key part of the Obama administration's . . . energy strategy. http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/ethanol-takes-policy-blow-from-the-environmental-protection-agency/2013/11/17/79fb5268-4e33-11e3-be6b-d3d28122e6d4_story.html

Kansas City Star - EPA orders cut in ethanol in gasoline next year, citing risk of engine damage - 11/15/13 - The Obama administration Friday proposed the first-ever reduction in the amount of ethanol in the gasoline supply, signaling retreat from the Renewable Fuel Standard passed by Congress in 2007.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2013/11/15/4624584/epa-orders-cut-in-ethanol-in-gasoline.html>

Hays Post - Opinion: EPA proposal on renewable fuels will impact more than drivers - 11/16/13 - A proposed cut to the amount of renewable fuels available to American drivers could impact farmers and businesses across western Kansas and the nation. <http://www.hayspost.com/2013/11/16/epa-proposal-on-renewable-fuels-will-impact-more-than-drivers/>

Quad-City Times - EPA lowers ethanol target - 11/16/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday proposed lowering the required amount of renewable fuels to be blended into the nation's gasoline supply, delivering a blow to the industry and to farm-growing states. It's the first time the standard has been lowered, and industry and farm-state lawmakers vowed to fight it. http://qctimes.com/news/local/government-and-politics/epa-lowers-ethanol-target/article_22100111-3ec3-5e5b-b708-0bab180f7d77.html

Wall Street Journal - Hitting the Brake on Ethanol - 11/15/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency on Friday proposed for the first time to ease an annual requirement for ethanol in gasoline, saying that levels mandated in a 2007 law are difficult, if not impossible, to meet.

<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303789604579195910936634756>

High Plains Journal - EPA report draws criticism from Kansas Livestock Association - 11/18/13 - Kansas Livestock Association recently submitted comments to the Environmental Protection Agency critical of its draft science report titled "Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters."

<http://www.hpj.com/archives/2013/nov13/nov18/1108KLACriticizesEPAReportsr.cfm>

Associated Press - Iowa landowners worry about proposed power line - 11/17/13 - A group of Iowa landowners are organizing to fight a proposed \$2 billion electric transmission line that would provide a boost to wind power in the state. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/11/17/4629803/iowa-landowners-worry-about-proposed.html>

McClatchy Washington Bureau - EPA orders cut in ethanol in gasoline next year - 11/15/13 - The administration of President Barack Obama proposed Friday the first-ever reduction in the amount of ethanol in the gasoline supply, signaling retreat from the Renewable Fuel Standard passed by Congress in 2007.

http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/epa-orders-cut-in-ethanol-in-gasoline-next-year/article_820310b4-fdeb-5dd7-a9aa-e61e768b67d7.html

Wichita Eagle - EPA may back off ethanol plan - 11/16/13 - The federal government on Friday proposed backing away from its ambitious effort to keep building the nation's ethanol industry, opting to drop the amount of ethanol petroleum companies must buy in 2014 to close to current levels. <http://www.kansas.com/2013/11/16/3121382/epa-may-back-off-ethanol-plan.html>

Brownfield Ag News - Farmers respond to EPA announcement - 11/18/13 - Gina McCarthy, Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency visited with Hoosier farmers on Saturday. Her visit came less than 24 hours after the EPA dealt a serious blow the biofuels industry by proposing lower renewable fuel volumes for the upcoming year.

<http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/11/18/farmers-respond-epa-announcement/>

Domestic Fuel - EPA's RVO Proposal Cannot Stand - 11/15/13 - Fuels America coalition hosted a media call in reaction to the EPA's proposed renewable volume obligations (RVOs) today. The biofuels industry said they were disappointed and that the proposed volumes would set the entire industry back and that the EPA's proposal cannot stand.

<http://domesticfuel.com/2013/11/15/epas-rvo-proposal-cannot-stand/>

Biofuels Digest - Obama Messes with the RFS - 11/17/13 - President Obama, in trouble on healthcare, sounds the retreat on renewable fuels; industry groups aghast as EPA targets next-generation, non-food biofuels for biggest cuts; slashes corn ethanol also. Major push-back is expected following "complete capitulation to Big Oil".

<http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2013/11/17/obama-messes-with-the-rfs/>

Domestic Fuel - Vilsack Defends EPA's Slashing of RFS - 11/18/13 - Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack is defending the Obama Administration's proposal to cut the 2014 Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs) as part of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) for the amount of renewable fuels to be blended into gasoline and diesel. But some of the

people he spoke to, along with several biofuel advocates, are questioning the legality of the cuts. <http://domesticfuel.com/2013/11/18/vilsack-defends-epas-slashing-of-rfs/>

Domestic Fuel - Ethanol, Corn Industry Outraged at EPA RFS Proposal - 11/18/13 - The ethanol and corn industry is outraged over the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed 2014 renewable fuels volumes as part of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The renewable fuel category, of which the majority is comprised of corn-based ethanol, is proposed at 15.21 billion gallons. <http://domesticfuel.com/2013/11/18/ethanol-corn-industry-outraged-at-epa-rfs-proposal/>

AgWeb - Reactions to EPA's Renewable Fuel Proposal - 11/15/13 - For the past few weeks, there have been rumblings that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had plans to reduce the ethanol mandate, officially known as the Renewable Fuels Standard. The agency's official proposal was released this afternoon. Here are the industry's reactions. http://www.agweb.com/article/reactions_to_epas_renewable_fuel_proposal__NAA_Sara_Schafer/

National Hog Farmer - EPA Cuts Renewable Fuel Standard Requirements - 11/15/13 - EPA is proposing the first cut in the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) requirements in the amount of ethanol that must be blended into the U.S. gasoline supply. <http://nationalhogfarmer.com/business/epa-cuts-renewable-fuel-standard-requirements>

BEEF Magazine - EPA Proposes Reduced Ethanol Requirement - 11/15/13 - Less of this year's bumper corn crop will be burned as ethanol if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sticks to the proposal it released Friday. <http://beefmagazine.com/ethanol/epa-proposes-reduced-ethanol-requirement>

Radio Iowa - EPA underground tanks official to attend environmental symposium in Iowa - 11/18/13 - Leaks of hazardous chemicals from underground storage tanks are becoming less common in Iowa, according to the supervisor of the Underground Storage Tanks (UST) division of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. <http://www.radioiowa.com/2013/11/18/epa-underground-tanks-official-to-attend-environmental-symposium-in-iowa/>

FuelFix - Feds slash ethanol mandate for gasoline in nod to oil industry - 11/15/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency on Friday sided with oil companies and said for the first time that less renewable fuel should be blended into the nation's gasoline supply, adding ammunition to an intensifying debate over biofuels. <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/11/15/epa-proposes-reduced-renewable-fuel-requirements/>

Wichita Eagle - Kansas oil boom has produced mixed results for southern counties - 11/17/13 - Because it has been so quick, the economic impact left by the horizontal drilling companies has been pretty weak and localized. Anthony and Harper have seen some new construction, mostly housing, along with the general increase in wealth from oil lease payments and royalty checks. A few other counties report some benefits – and some big disappointments. <http://www.kansas.com/2013/11/17/3121846/kansas-oil-boom-has-produced-mixed.html>

E&E Daily - Republicans promise 'secret science' bill after cow flatulence hearing - 11/15/13 - After committee members pressed U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy yesterday on agency transparency, House Science Chairman Lamar Smith said he would introduce legislation soon to bar the agency's use of "secret science" to support its regulations. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059990516/feed>

E&E Daily - 32 senators urge robust biodiesel target ahead of proposed EPA rule - 11/15/13 - With U.S. EPA on the verge of releasing its proposed renewable fuel requirements for next year, 32 bipartisan senators called yesterday for a robust target for biodiesel. Led by Sens. Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Al Franken (D-Minn.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), the senators urged the agency to set a target consistent with industry growth this year. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059990512/feed>

E&E Daily - Pair of Dems try again on 'green infrastructure' stormwater bill - 11/15/13 - With U.S. EPA's work on a national stormwater regulation stalled, a pair of congressional Democrats are trying again to move a bill aimed at spurring innovative solutions to one of the country's largest water pollution problems. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059990521/>

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E&E Daily - Concern over ethanol rules sparked King's controversial amendment - 11/15/13 - A contentious farm bill amendment that would limit states' ability to set restrictions on the way agricultural goods are produced arose out of concern over California ethanol regulations, the provision's author said yesterday.
<http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059990520/>

E&E Daily - House members take aim at brick MACT rule - 11/15/13 - House lawmakers are objecting to a much-delayed U.S. EPA rule that would impose pollution restrictions on the brick manufacturing sector, saying a strict rule would threaten the industry and hundreds of thousands of jobs. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059990508/>

NPR - How Can Deserts Turn Into Grasslands? (audio - 10:01) - 11/18/13 - About two-thirds of the world's grasslands have turned into desert. Allan Savory has devoted his life to stopping it. He now believes that a surprising factor can protect grasslands and even reclaim degraded land that was once desert. <http://www.npr.org/2013/11/15/243721657/how-can-deserts-turn-into-grasslands>

Environmental Working Group - EPA Recognizes Broken Ethanol Mandate Ignores Reality - 11/15/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to lower the amount of corn ethanol blended in gasoline in 2014 acknowledges that the Renewable Fuel Standard program is broken. However, Congress must act to address corn ethanol's well-documented harms to consumers and the environment. <http://www.ewg.org/release/epa-recognizes-broken-ethanol-mandate-ignores-reality>

Grist - Obama admin pisses off ethanol industry, pleases both oil industry and enviros - 11/18/13 - Here's a riddle: When is the oil industry on the right side of a public policy fight? I know what you're thinking: "Never." But actually there is a potential exception: when their adversary is an equally selfish industrial complex. <http://grist.org/climate-energy/obama-admin-pisses-off-ethanol-industry-pleases-both-oil-industry-and-enviros/>

Environmental Leader - From Garbage to Goods: America's Efforts for a More Sustainable Future - 11/18/13 - Recycling is at the forefront of everyone's minds across the entire supply chain – from manufacturers to brand owners to consumers. Everyone is seeking to be more sustainable and this shift in lifestyle is not just a trend. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/11/18/from-garbage-to-goods-americas-efforts-for-a-more-sustainable-future/>

Yale Environment 360 - A Scarcity of Rare Metals Is Hindering Green Technologies - 11/18/13 - A shortage of "rare earth" metals, used in everything from electric car batteries to solar panels to wind turbines, is hampering the growth of renewable energy technologies. http://e360.yale.edu/feature/a_scarcity_of_rare_metals_is_hindering_green_technologies/2711/

Wichita Eagle - Report: Nebraska should pay Kansas \$5.5 million in water fight - 11/15/13 - A special water master found Friday that Nebraska took more than its share of water from the Republican River in 2005 and 2006 and recommended that it pay Kansas \$5.5million for the breach. <http://www.kansas.com/2013/11/15/3120398/report-nebraska-should-pay-kansas.html>

Science 2.0 - Environmental Toxins During Pregnancy Linked To Child Heart Defects - 11/17/13 - Children's congenital heart defects may be associated with their mothers' exposure to specific mixtures of environmental toxins during pregnancy, according to research presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2013. http://www.science20.com/news_articles/environmental_toxins_during_pregnancy_linked_child_heart_defects-124594

Insurance Journal - Insurers' Asbestos, Environmental Losses Rose 12% in 2012 - 11/18/13 - While generally not a material drag on the U.S. property/casualty industry's earnings, industry losses from asbestos and environmental (A&E) claims resumed an upward climb in 2012, according to a new A.M. Best Co. report. <http://www.insurancejournal.com/magazines/features/2013/11/18/310992.htm>

The Daily Caller - Obama admin. not prosecuting wind farms for bird deaths - 11/18/13 - The Obama administration is giving wind power producers a pass by not going after them for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of federally protected birds and bats. But the feds have gone after fossil fuel and other companies that have killed these animals. <http://dailycaller.com/2013/11/18/obama-admin-not-prosecuting-wind-farms-for-bird-deaths/>

Greenwire - As recycling tonnage falls, industry blames EPA - 11/15/13 - The American Coal Ash Association issued a report yesterday showing a decline in the amount of power plant combustion waste recycled last year, a development the group blames on U.S. EPA's ongoing rulemaking on ash disposal.

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059990549>

Greenwire - Obama admin unveils multiagency response plan - 11/15/13 - The Obama administration today announced a major multiagency program to enhance the federal response to droughts. The effort is spearheaded by the Agriculture Department and NOAA and includes The Interior Department, U.S. EPA, the assistant secretary of the Army for civil works, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Energy. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059990546>

BNA - Three Republicans Ask OMB to Return Draft Rule on Water Jurisdiction to EPA - 11/18/13 - Three congressional Republicans urged the White House Office of Management and Budget to return the Environmental Protection Agency's draft rule on Clean Water Act jurisdiction to the agency because the science underlying the rule hasn't been fully vetted. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38231395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3g6n1g6&split=0

BNA - House Set to Consider Energy Bills On Fracking, Permitting, Pipelines - 11/18/13 - House Republicans plan to act the week of Nov. 18 on three bills aimed at expanding domestic energy production. House Majority Whip Eric Cantor (R-Va.) said Nov. 15 the bills "represent our continued commitment to energy independence and putting more money in the pockets of working middle-class families." http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38231424&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3h0e3c7&split=0

BNA - EPA Proposes to Lower Ethanol Requirement But Congressional Criticism of RFS Persists - 11/18/13 - An Obama administration proposal to lower by billions of gallons the amount of ethanol refiners are required to use under the renewable fuel standard wasn't enough to satisfy congressional critics. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38231410&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3g7j5d0&split=0

BNA - Compromise Possible on Energy Funding Contained in Farm Bill, Rep. King Says - 11/18/13 - There is "room for compromise" over the fate of \$900 million in mandatory energy funding contained in the farm bill that is being debated by House and Senate conferees, Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) said. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38231404&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3g6y3d1&split=0

BNA - House Republicans Ask EPA to Withdraw Carbon Standards for New Power Plants - 11/18/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency's proposed carbon dioxide performance standards for new power plants violate the Energy and Policy Act of 2005 and should be withdrawn. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38231414&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3g7n4f3&split=0

BNA - D.C. Circuit Extends Deadline to File Petition for Rehearing in Biomass Case - 11/18/13 - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has granted a request by forestry and industry groups to extend the deadline to petition for rehearing in a lawsuit over greenhouse gas permitting requirements for biomass. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38231396&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3g6n5a8&split=0

Inside EPA - EPA Concessions To Oil Sector In 2014 RFS Fail To Quell Call For Repeal - 11/15/13 - EPA is proposing a renewable fuel standard (RFS) for 2014 that offers significant concessions to the oil sector with scaled-back conventional biofuel and other targets while opening the door to further reductions. <http://insideepa.com/201311162453176/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-concessions-to-oil-sector-in-2014-rfs-fail-to-quell-call-for-repeal/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - GOP Says Utility NSPS Runs Afoul Of Energy Law - 11/15/13 - In a new line of attack on EPA's proposed greenhouse gas (GHG) rule for new coal-fired power plants, House Republicans are citing a Bush-era energy law that they say bars the agency from citing carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) projects. <http://insideepa.com/201311162453137/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/gop-says-utility-nsps-runs-afoul-of-energy-law/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Water Chief Encouraging Technology Innovation To Address Pollution - 11/15/13 - Acting EPA water chief Nancy Stoner is urging water technology and financial professionals to develop innovative ways to reduce pollution faster and cheaper while using less energy to solve a range of water-related problems. <http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-11/18/2013/epa-water-chief-encouraging-technology-innovation-to-address-pollution/menu-id-127.html>

Inside EPA - DOE Weighs Water-Energy Nexus For 'Second Generation' Of CCS Projects - 11/15/13 - A top Department of Energy (DOE) official says there is a need for more "second generation" carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) projects that address the nexus between water use at utilities and energy production. <http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-11/18/2013/doe-weighs-water-energy-nexus-for-second-generation-of-ccs-projects/menu-id-127.html>

Inside EPA - Newly Issued EPA Report Highlights Value Of Water For U.S. Economy - 11/15/13 - EPA has issued a long-awaited report on the economic value of water, with the agency underscoring the "clear" importance of the resource to nearly every sector. <http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-11/18/2013/newly-issued-epa-report-highlights-value-of-water-for-us-economy/menu-id-127.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

12/3/13 – SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

***12/5/13** – RA Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/16/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

12/18/13 – Missouri Agribusiness Association Annual Convention, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

DRA:

12/5-6/13 – Executive Management Council, Washington DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

11/19-20/2013 – Hosting the RMP codes and standards training, Regional Office. Contact Patrick Bustos, 7969.

11/20-21/2013 – Hosting Pollution Prevention Roundtable, Kansas City, Mo. Contact; Jim Callier, 7646.

11/21/2013 – Attending the Missouri Air Conservation Commission meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147.

12/12/2013 – Attending outreach session with Iowa Utilities on Carbon Pollution Standards, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Mark Smith, 7876

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

12/4-6/13 – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: DeAndré Singletary, 7373

ENSV

None

PLMG

11/19/13 - Federal Executive Board Annual Small Business Roundtable Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

11/19/13 - Federal Executive Board and Chamber of Commerce Small Business Planning Meeting, Kansas City, MO. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

11/21/13 - GovFest Government Business Services Conference, Overland Park, KS. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

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None

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11/20-22/13: Oversight of pre-construction activities West Lake Landfill, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

11/20/13: Public availability session to discuss DOD vapor intrusion investigation St. Louis Ordnance Plant, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

WWPD

11/18/13 - National Capacity Development & Operator Certification Workshop, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Bob Dunlevy, 7798

***11/19/13** – Iowa Environmental Council and Environmental Law Policy Center meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

***11/19/13** – Kansas Watershed Restoration Protection Strategy workgroup meeting, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447